

House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3107 on May 25, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**CHARITABLE RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY THE CHARITABLE
FOUNDATIONS OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
TEAMS**

CHAPTER 895

H.B. No. 3125

AN ACT

relating to charitable raffles conducted by the charitable foundations of certain professional sports teams.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2004.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) and amending Subdivision (2) to read as follows:

(1-a) *"Debit card" has the meaning assigned by Section 32.31, Penal Code.*

(2) *"Professional sports team" means:*

(A) *a team organized in this state that is a member of Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, the National Football League, [or] Major League Soccer, the American Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League, the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball, the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, Minor League Baseball, the National Basketball Association Development League, the National Women's Soccer League, the Major Arena Soccer League, the United Soccer League, or the Women's National Basketball Association;*

(B) *a person hosting a motorsports racing team event sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), INDYCar, or another nationally recognized motorsports racing association at a venue in this state with a permanent seating capacity of not less than 75,000; or*

(C) *an organization hosting a Professional Golf Association event.*

SECTION 2. Section 2004.009(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person accepts any form of payment other than United States currency or a debit card for the purchase of a raffle ticket for a charitable raffle conducted under this chapter.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on December 1, 2017, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, to authorize additional professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles at additional venues is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2017: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective December 1, 2017, upon approval of constitutional amendment proposed in H.J.R. No. 100.